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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Members of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on S. 1035 - 12 February 1968

1. Messrs. Charles E. Johnson, Staff Director, and Bun Benton Bray, Associate Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, visited the Agency for approximately two hours. Present from the Agency were: Colonel White, Robert Bannerman, John S. Warner, and [REDACTED] Admiral Taylor joined the group for a short period.

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2. The first part of the agenda included an abbreviated version of the security indoctrination talk. Thereafter, Colonel White discussed in some detail the recruiting and screening program of the Agency and in particular in relation to certain aspects of S. 1035. Colonel White also gave a very brief explanation of the Agency organization.

3. Mr. Johnson expressed himself clearly that he had no real questions, that he fully understood the need for exemption for the Agency and NSA. After a number of questions, Mr. Bray seemed to hold the same general view. They indicated they did not know when, if ever, any hearings would be held. They thought that the Committee would be sympathetic to the problems of the security agencies. They explicitly stated there would be no problem in holding an executive session so the Director could offer the Agency's viewpoint. Mr. Johnson suggested that if things began to move on the bill it might be desirable to have a private session with Henderson and Gross prior to a Subcommittee hearing.

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4. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Johnson stated he had a number of Central Security Office bills which he needed to analyze and it was agreed we would discuss these with him in the next day or two.

s/ John S. Warner

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1. In the absence of Colonel White, Admiral Taylor and John S. Warner met briefly on a few current items.

2. We discussed further the use of headquarters by the Rivers' Policy Subcommittee and an Agency-hosted dinner at the conclusion. Admiral Taylor indicated that he will be away on the 19th and his office could be available for use by the Chairman.

3. I brought to the Attention of the DDCI the report of the House Armed Services Committee for 1967 indicating the only mention of the Agency was in a listing of special subcommittees where the Agency was included for eight meetings.

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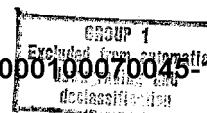
4. As requested previously, I brought up the matter of the

Admiral Taylor thanked me for bringing it up and added that the situation was under control and active consideration.

5. Reviewed with Admiral Taylor the Committee Print of the bill to be introduced by Senator Eastland

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6. Reviewed the various Central Security bills in general and S. 2778 by Dirksen in particular. Pointed out that some 33 agencies have been asked for reports on the Dirksen bill and that we had contacted the Bureau of the Budget to determine their general views. They indicated it was much too early until they began to get some of the reports in. However, we will keep in contact on this one since undoubtedly there will be hearings later on. I pointed out that Agency employees are not covered under the Central Security Office concept but that undoubtedly we would want to see additional language to clearly exempt the Agency from standard requirements.

7. Advised that H. R. 6157 passed the House on 5 February. This bill has the same general purpose as S. 1054 which passed the Senate last year. The main difference is that the Senate bill offers payroll deductions to banks and savings and loan associations as well as credit unions whereas the House bill will only allow deductions for credit unions. I indicated that our computer people have already been alerted since in one form or another there undoubtedly will be a conference which will approve the bill.

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